



Dolores "Dee" Lampen

June 27, 1964 - July 6, 2025

Dolores Evelyn Lampen, age 61, of Allegan, passed away Sunday, July 6, 2025, at Corewell Health Butterworth Hospital after a brief battle with leukemia.

She was born June 27, 1964, in Berwyn, IL to Rev. Rodney and Florence Adaline (Lynn) Dopp. Dolores grew up in the Kalamazoo area and graduated from Comstock High School in 1982. She married Donald Lampen on November 29th, 2003. She was employed as a logistics coordinator at several companies for three decades. She was a longtime member of Central Wesleyan Church in Holland.

Dolores loved gardening, creative pursuits, cooking, reading and traveling. Above all, Dolores loved spending time with and hosting family and friends. Her home was often the center of many celebrations, get-togethers and sleepovers for her grandchildren, whom she cherished dearly.

In addition to her husband, Donald Lampen, Dolores is survived by her children: Stephanie (Michael) Ritsema of Zeeland, Derek (Allie) Lampen of Holland, Andrew (Morgan) Dopp of Hudsonville and Emily Lampen of Allegan; her grandchildren: Anne, William, Caleb, Charles, and Gabriel; siblings: Elizabeth (Jim) Scarpa of Gurnee, IL, Robin (Ron) Buck of Appleton, WI, Laurel Giles of Neola, IA, John (Dariene) Dopp of Kirkland, WA and David

(Mary Joy) Dopp of Battle Creek; sister in law, Wendy Arnold of Portage; brothers-in-law, Rick (Shelly) Lampen of Hamilton, Dale Lampen of Overisel as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. Dolores was preceded in death by her parents and her oldest brother Stephen Dopp.

Dolores will be remembered as faith-filled, kind, loving, compassionate, joyful, generous and an inspiration to all who knew her.

A memorial service will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday, July 19, 2025, in the chapel of Central Wesleyan Church, 446 W. 40th St. Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 PM on Friday, July 18 at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 South State Street, Zeeland, MI 49464.

With respect to her wishes and as a testament to her unwavering commitment to helping others memorial contributions are suggested to the Hands of Hope Foundation (<https://handsofhopefoundation.com/#donate>). To leave condolences online, please visit www.yntemafh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home
251 South State Street
Zeeland, MI 49464

Memorial Service

JUL 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Central Wesleyan Church
446 West 40th St.
Holland, MI 49423

Tribute Wall



“ Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Dolores "Dee" Lampen



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - July 18, 2025 at 08:25 AM

TD

“ Trina D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dolores "Dee" Lampen.

Trina D. - July 18, 2025 at 08:34 AM

MT

“ Matt and Tracy! purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dolores "Dee" Lampen.



Matt and Tracy! - July 16, 2025 at 10:37 AM

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BP

“ *Baxter Gill, Cody Canfield, and Jake P. purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Dolores "Dee" Lampen.*



Baxter Gill, Cody Canfield, and Jake P. - July 09, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dolores "Dee" Lampen.*



July 09, 2025 at 03:24 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dolores "Dee" Lampen.*



July 09, 2025 at 12:49 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dolores "Dee" Lampen.*

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VS

“ Deedee was a wonderful part of my growing up! She was always full of fun ideas & crazy things to do! One of my favorite memories was in 4th grade when we made modgepodge pictures for our family Christmas presents! That memory was one of the first times I remember being creative! It sparked a life time of love for art & creativity!

Deedee also had a wondrous heart for God, even back then! We used to have a list of things we were going to ask God about when we got there! I'm sure she is in heaven laughing with God & asking her questions. She was truly a blessing to all she met! I will truly miss her smile & laughter at our class reunions!

Vicky (Vickers) Skidmore - July 09, 2025 at 12:02 PM

EC

“DeeDee you will always be in my heart, a treasured BEST friend. Our memories span five decades across the years. Precious memories 💕. From the first day we met at Gull Road Elementary & discovered you were living with your family walking distance to my home on Fairfield, next to Nazareth College, the fun began! We spent so many days “walking the wall” in front of Nazareth together, sharing our childhood together, more like sisters than friends. You were at my house & I at yours, almost daily....we shared the somewhat awkward teenage years together, sharing many boys, that were friends together... it seems like the boys you liked, always had “a friend” to introduce to me 😊.... We spent our high school years it seems like, always dating boys who were best friends also... fast forward to graduation from Comstock High, you wound up marrying a boy named Marc right after graduation! You asked me to be your maid of honor, & you were off to SanDiego where he was stationed in the Navy... fast forward 3-4 yrs & I married the man who “walked the wall” with me...we visited you in SanDiego when he was out at sea, we had such a blast together, the three of us, you showed us, in two weeks with you, as much as possible! I got to witness your advanced driving skills on the 5 lane highways you had mastered since living out there! All in the back seat of your two door mustang, we let Tim sit up front, sometimes holding on gripping the dash 🚗. You eventually did come back to Portage & discovered that you wanted to pursue a different life than being a wife of a serviceman, & I was happy you did, you deserved so much more, & had so much love & life in you to give! I wound up having our son, Nicholas, who you loved & treated as your own. Not to long after you met a young man named Curt, a black haired blue eyed very handsome man who you wound up marrying & having your first son with, Andrew! I had the privilege of witnessing Andrew’s birth, taking Lamaze class with you, acting as your coach! The most beautiful baby boy was born to you, jet black hair & your beautiful brown eyes! I was so excited! We had Andrew & Nicholas playing together as much as possible, because you were in Holland living at that time. You treated Nick as your own & I was head over heels in love with that beautiful black haired, very talented baby boy of

yours! Because of circumstances, you wound up raising Andrew on your own through his younger yrs. I've never witnessed a mother pour so much love & sweet direction into any child! You recognized at a very early age, he is very musically talented & tried & succeeded to encourage that gift❤️. Music plays a HUGE part in your family's legacy, & I loved it! You wound up meeting after a while a special man by the name of Don Lampen! A very tall handsome Dutch man, who loved God with all his heart, and falling head over heels in love with him, decided you were going to marry! Don, Stephanie & Derrick, Andrew, were your pride & joy!!! A beautiful blended family that brought more joy to your heart than anytime I could ever remember!!!! All I could do is thank God for bringing you such a big beautiful blended family...I remember as it was yesterday, your wedding up north at Lake Louise, picturesque surroundings with the small beautiful intimate chapel we had the privilege to sing to the newlyweds in!

It didn't take much longer, & your sweet union brought a little blonde haired, blue eyed Emily into the picture! How could that be, you wound up having a black haired beautiful baby boy, & a blonde haired baby girl? There is no mother that could have stepped into this scenario, & created such an atmosphere of love & support for all her children, as you did DeeDee, I admired you. You poured all the love you could over your family, & it showed, boy did it shine! Now the same children you nurtured & loved so deeply brought their children who called you grandma, and that's when I got to witness that little girl I grew up with, shine like never before. You had this "completeness" about you, as if you sculpted the most beautiful artwork together with the man you adored, & it was "good"....I will be forever grateful DeeDee to have shared my life with you, I know who you are with and where your soul resides, you are around the throne worshiping, singing 🎵 with the angels above & witnessing the promise all that are here will experience one day with you DeeDee, I love you💕

Elora, (Lori) Comer-Meisling - July 09, 2025 at 11:51 AM

JG

“Diane and I were devastated to hear this, and wish we were in the country to join you in celebrating Dee's life and share a hug. From her good humor about your wedding date (and two celebrations every year because of it), to her and Diane becoming instant friends, Dee was a special lady. We're praying for you this week as you walk this difficult road. Hugs to you, Don, the kids, and grandkids. Much love coming your way from Nicaragua. -Jeff and Diane Gilbert

Jeff Gilbert - July 08, 2025 at 08:57 PM



Her impact was felt even West Africa Ghana, Rest In Peace Mum.

Joe Kingsley Eshun - July 09, 2025 at 10:15 AM